



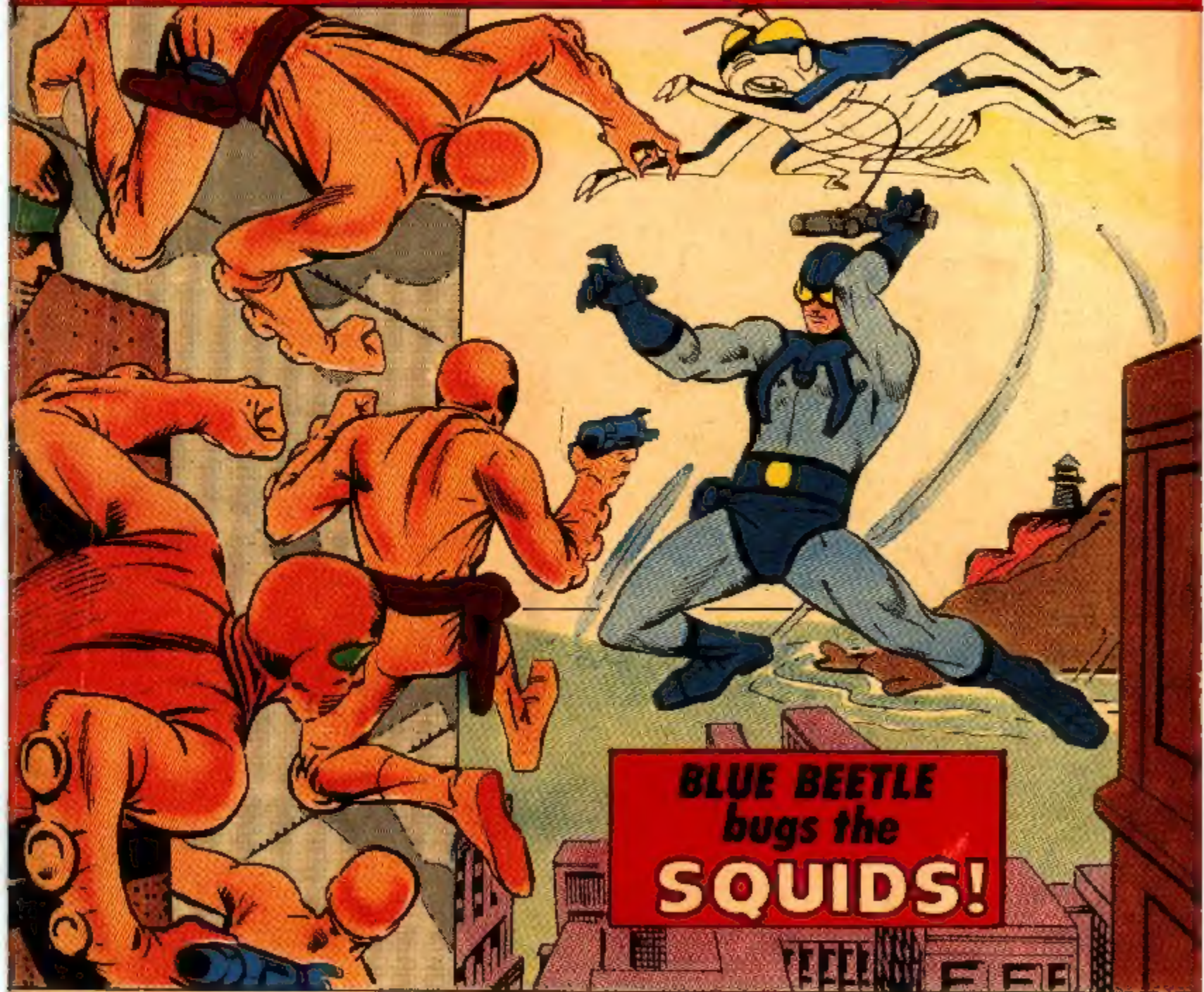
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bugs the
SQUIDS!

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is
the

?
QUESTION



the BLUE BEETLE

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THE GATHERING DARKNESS OF LATE
EVENING FALLS UPON THE HUD CITY
WATERFRONT AS...



THE BOYS KNOW THE SIGNAL.
I'LL SCOUT AHEAD TO MAKE
SURE NO ONE'S AROUND!



ALL CLEAR! HUSTLE IT UP BUT
KEEP QUIET! GET YOUR AQUA-
LINGS OFF AND START CLIMBING!



CAREFUL, IT'S A
LONG DROP! RE-
MEMBER KEEPING
YOUR FIST TIGHT
MAKES THE SUCTION
CUPS HOLD FAST!



THE WEIRD
BAND MAKES
ITS WAY
SILENTLY
UP THE
SHEER WALL
OF THE
FASHIONABLE
WATERFRONT
APARTMENT
BUILDING...



HAI C'MON BOYS
...LET'S THROW
A PARTY OF OUR
OWN!



EEK! IT'S THAT
HORROR SQUID GANG!!

ALL RIGHT, FOLKS, IT'S
SHOW TIME! START PEEL-
ING OFF THE JEWELRY AND
EMPTYING YOUR WALLETS!



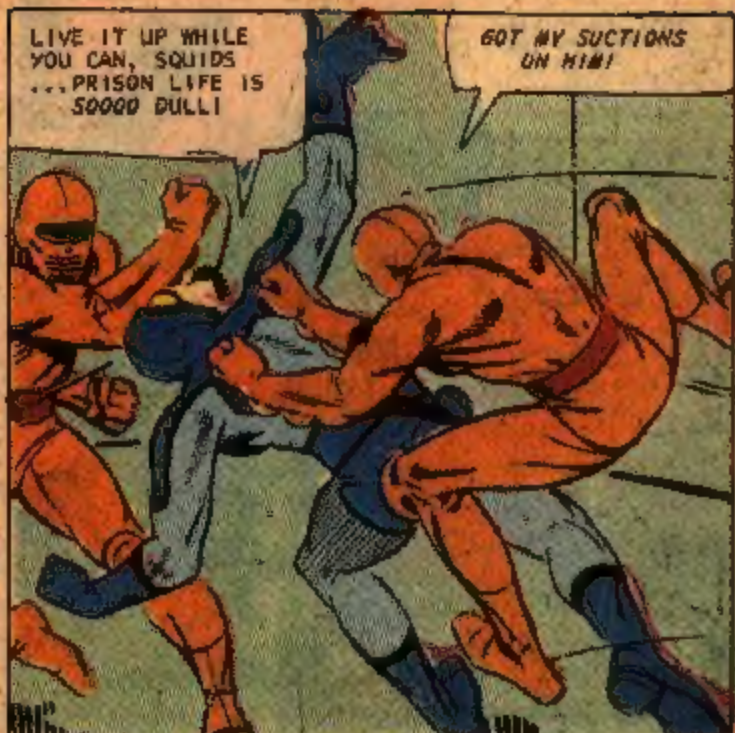
OH, NO!
IT'S THE
BLUE
BEETLE!

SO DON'T
COMPLAIN,
BUDDY...
NOBODY
INVITED YOU
EITHER!





GREETINGS
... FROM
ONE PARTY-
CRASHER TO
ANOTHER!



LIVE IT UP WHILE
YOU CAN, SQUIDS
... PRISON LIFE IS
SOOOO DULL!

GOT MY SUCTIONS
ON HIM!



HEY! CUT THAT OUT! THE
VIEW WAS ALL RIGHT FROM
WHERE I WAS!

UNNNH! HURRY...
NAIL HIM! I... I
CAN'T HOLD HIM
UP FOREVER!

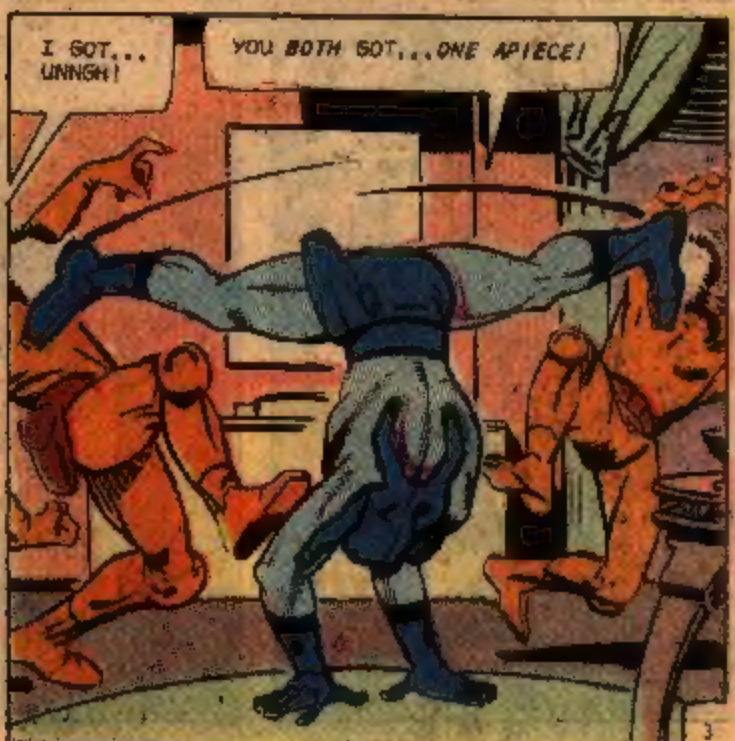


THANKS
FOR THE
ASSIST,
BUT...



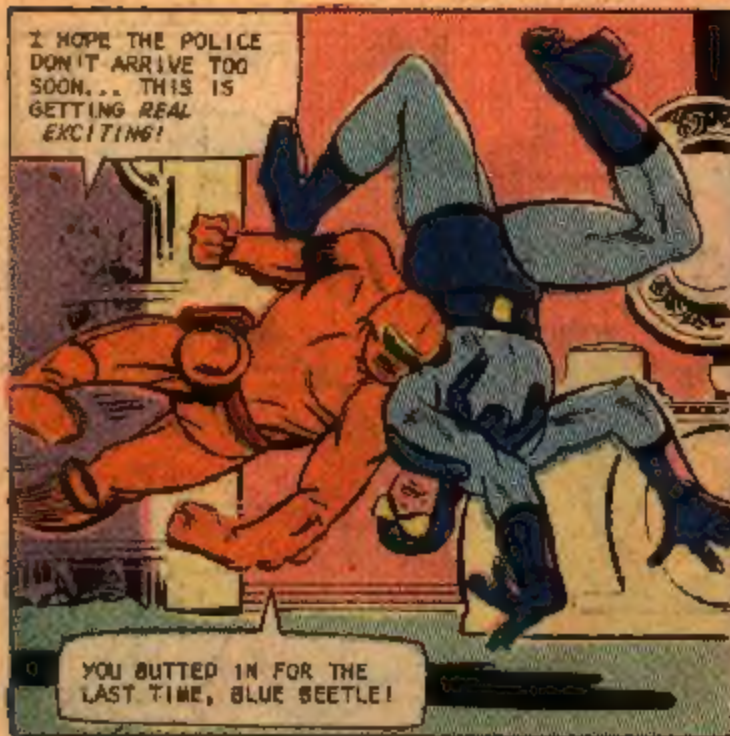
I INSIST ON
HANDLING YOUR
GANG ON MY OWN!

GET HIM! ... BEFORE HE
GETS TO HIS FEET!



I GOT...
UNNNH!

YOU BOTH GOT... ONE A PIECE!



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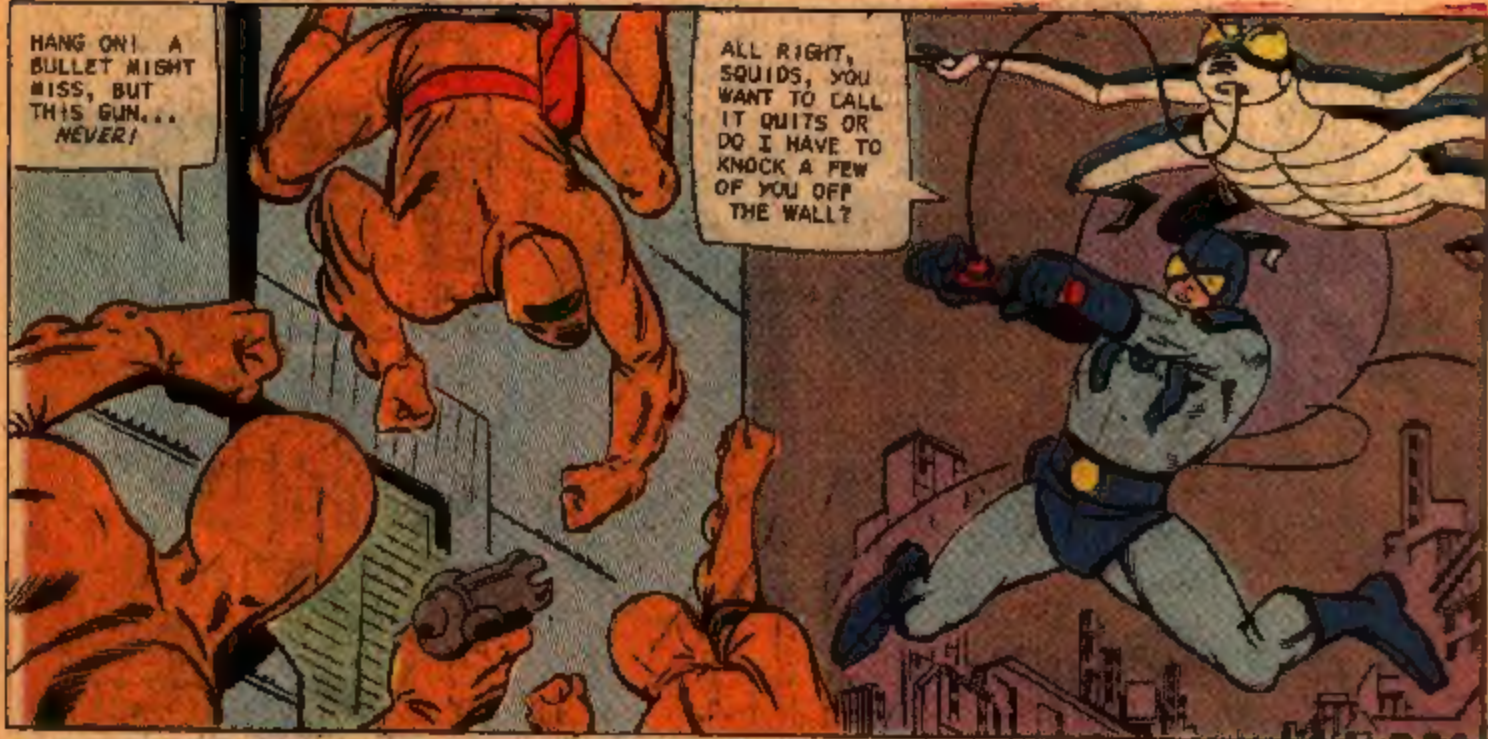
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ADDRESS, -----

CITY, -----STATE, ----ZIP, ---



HANG ON! A BULLET MIGHT MISS, BUT THIS GUN... NEVER!

ALL RIGHT, SQUIDS, YOU WANT TO CALL IT QUITS OR DO I HAVE TO KNOCK A FEW OF YOU OFF THE WALL?



YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND US FIRST!

COUGH COUGH
FOG GUN...
ALMOST COUGH
LET GO...



...CAN'T SEE
... BETTER
STOP THE BUG
AND PULL MY-
SELF UP BE-
FORE WE
SMASH INTO
THE BUILDING!



THAT BIT BOUGHT
THEM ENOUGH TIME.
THE SQUIDS ARE
TAKING TO THE
WATER. OKAY,
BUG, DOWN WE
GO...



...HOPE THE BUG'S
ANTENNA CAN PICK
THEM UP... BEFORE
THEY SCATTER!



NOTHING! IF
I COULD JUST
FIND ONE HE'D
LEAD ME TO
THEIR HIDE-OUT,
BUT...



...THERE ARE SO MANY PLACES
IN THIS SECTION OF THE RIVER
FOR THEM TO DUCK INTO! I'LL
KEEP SEARCHING FOR HIM!

BUT THE BLUE BEETLE SEARCHES IN VAIN, FOR NOT TOO FAR AWAY...

WE CAME BACK EMPTY HANDED...

TRUE... BUT EVEN THIS FAILURE SERVED A PURPOSE! OUR NEXT JOB WILL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT!



I'VE GOT A CAPER LINED UP THAT'S A SURE THING... SO DON'T SWEAT IT!



MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT A NIGHT... THEY GOT CLEAN AWAY!



NEXT DAY IN THE LAB OF TED KORD, ALIAS THE BLUE BEETLE...

DO US BOTH A FAVOR AND TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO DAN GARRET ON PAGO ISLAND... BEFORE I FIND OUT FOR MYSELF... AND MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, KORD... I WILL FIND OUT!

SORRY, FISHER... THERE'S NOTHING TO TELL!



HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, KORD... BUT YOU'LL BE SEEING A LOT OF ME 'TILL THIS MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP ONCE AND FOR ALL.

FISHER'S A GOOD COP... BUT HIS DIGGING IS KEEPING ME ON THE SPOT AND I CAN'T STOP HIM!



TED, YOU CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS... CONTINUALLY BEING SUSPECTED OF HAVING SOMETHING TO DO WITH DAN GARRET'S DISAPPEARANCE!

PLEASE, TRACEY, NOT YOU, TOO!



OH, TED, I LOVE YOU! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, I STUCK BY YOU! BUT... BUT CLEAR THIS MESS UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

IF SHE ONLY KNEW WHAT SHE'S ASKING ME TO DO!



I... I'M SORRY, TRACEY! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TRUST ME!

OH, TED, IF YOU DON'T PUT A STOP TO IT BY TELLING WHAT YOU KNOW, THESE SUSPICIONS WILL KEEP GROWING, UNTIL...



IF...IF I COULD ONLY TELL TRACEY EVERYTHING! BUT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO INVOLVE HER IN THE SECRET OF PAGO ISLAND...



SHE'D HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING...NOT ONLY ABOUT DAN GARRET BUT ALSO ABOUT ME BEING THE BLUE BEETLE.



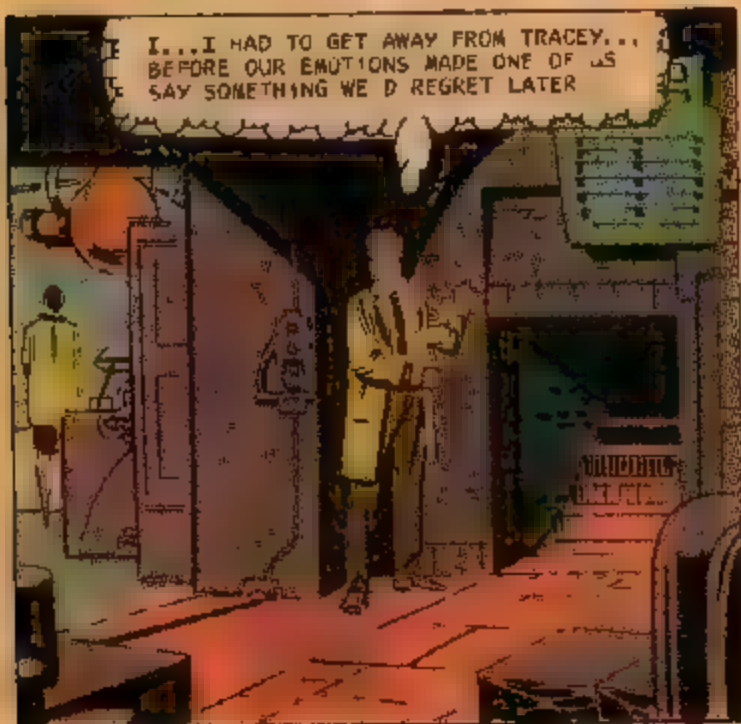
TED, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE BE RIGHT BACK.

I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE HIM TORTURING HIMSELF THIS WAY, BUT... HOW CAN I HELP HIM?



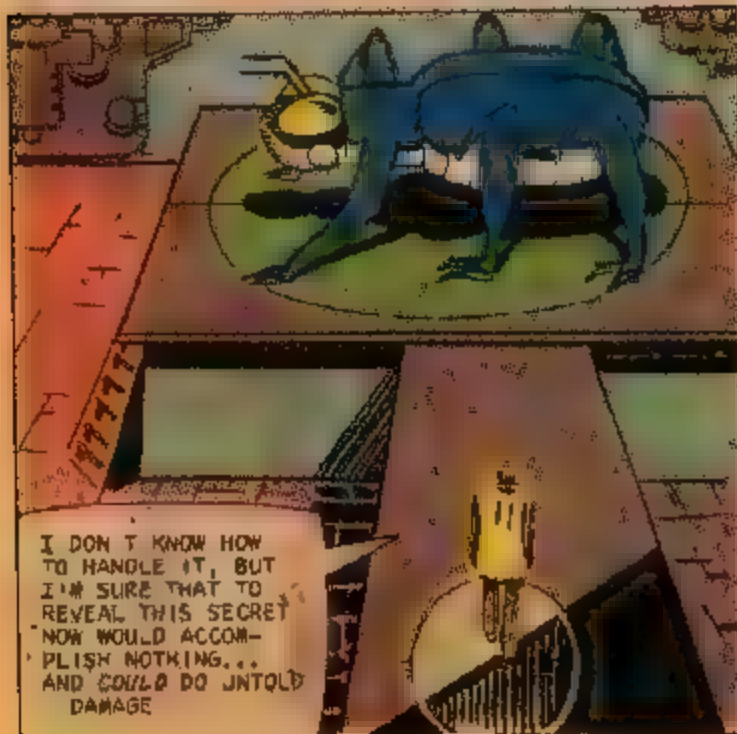
I...I HAD TO GET AWAY FROM TRACEY... BEFORE OUR EMOTIONS MADE ONE OF US SAY SOMETHING WE'D REGRET LATER



THE TWO BLUE BEETLES IS ONE SECRET OF PAGO ISLAND...

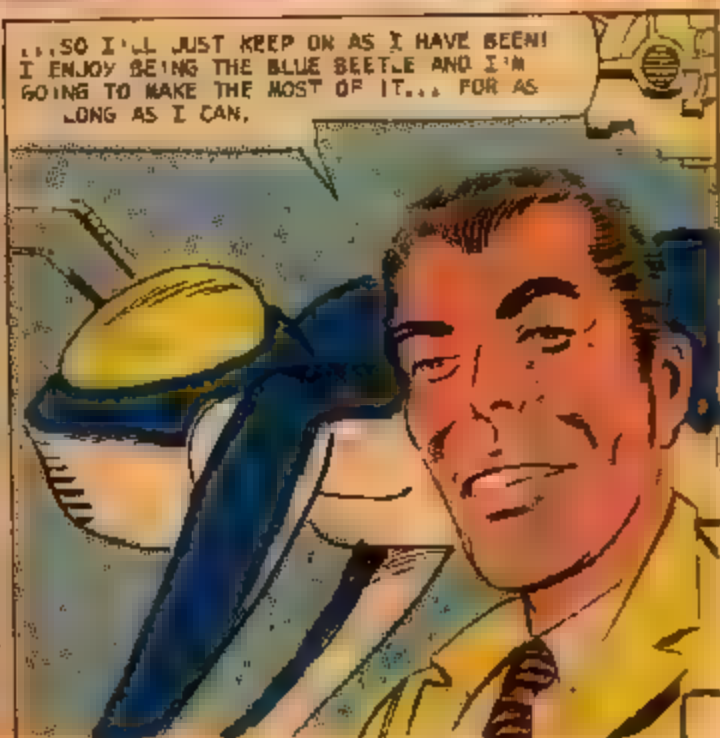


THE OTHER SECRET IS SO DANGEROUS, T... IT THREATENS THE WORLD.



I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT, BUT I'M SURE THAT TO REVEAL THIS SECRET NOW WOULD ACCOMPLISH NOTHING... AND COULD DO UNTOLD DAMAGE

...SO I'LL JUST KEEP ON AS I HAVE BEEN! I ENJOY BEING THE BLUE BEETLE AND I'M GOING TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT... FOR AS LONG AS I CAN.



SOON AFTER, AT A WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON...

I HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS, LADIES! TODD VAN III HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED THE USE OF HIS YACHT FOR A COSTUME BALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR FAVORITE CHARITY.

WONDERFUL! TODD VAN KNOWS THE RICHEST PEOPLE!

WELL, SQUIDS, IS THAT CHARITY JOB MADE TO ORDER FOR US OR NOTT

WE CAN'T MISS, BOSSI!

I WOULDN'T MISS IT! A GOOD TIME FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

THAT TODD! HE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO LIVE IT UP!

THE NIGHT OF THE CHARITY COSTUME BALL ARRIVES, AND...

LET'S GET ABOARD!

WE DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANY MONEY BEHIND, DO WE? HA, HA, HA!

WE'RE ABOUT TO SHOVE OFF!

TODD, YOU'RE A GODSEND! YOU'LL COLLECT MORE FOR US TONIGHT THAN WE COULD IN A YEAR!

I LIKE TO DO WHAT I CAN ... FOR THE NEEDY!

YOU'RE SO HARBITABLE, TODD!

YES... YOU COULD SAY THAT! NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

I HAVE TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR MY FAVORITE CHARITY... ME! AND TO THINK THAT...

...MY FATHER SAID I COULD NEVER MAKE A DIME ON MY OWN! AND HERE I AM, HEAD OF THE SQUIDS... MY OWN LITTLE BUSINESS... WITH SMALL RISKS AND NO TAKES!

WHO WOULD SUSPECT TODD VAN III, OF LEADING A BAND OF ROBBERS. NO ONE KNOWS I'VE BLOWN THE FORTUNE MY FATHER LEFT ME. THEY THINK I'M LOADED!

A FEW MORE JOBS LIKE THIS ONE
TONIGHT AND I'LL BE RICHER
THAN MY FATHER EVER WAS...
WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK!

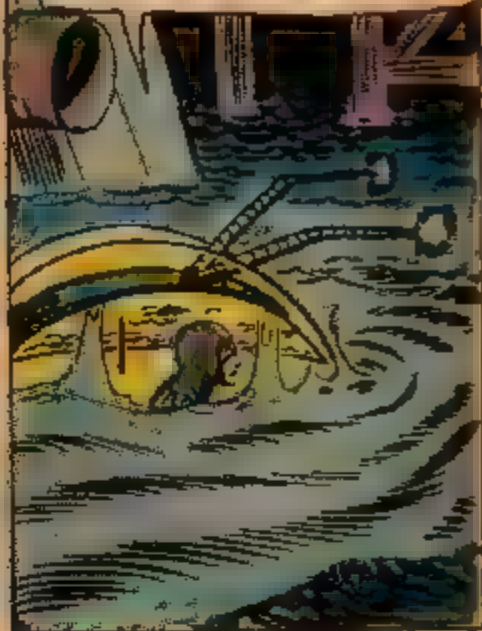


NOTHING CAN STOP ME
NOW! NOTHING!



LOOKS SAFE
TO SURFACE!

I'M POSITIVE THE SQUIDS WILL
TAKE A SHOT AT THE CHARITY
TAKE ON TODD'S YACHT!



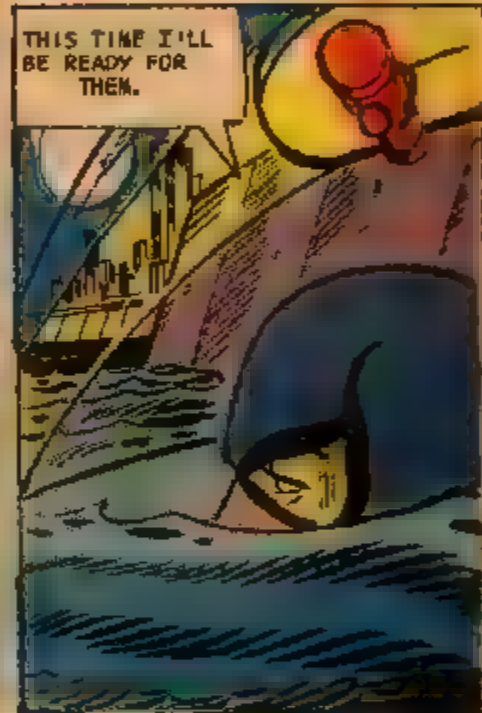
I WAS JUST
LUCKY SPOT-
TING THEM
THE LAST
TIME...



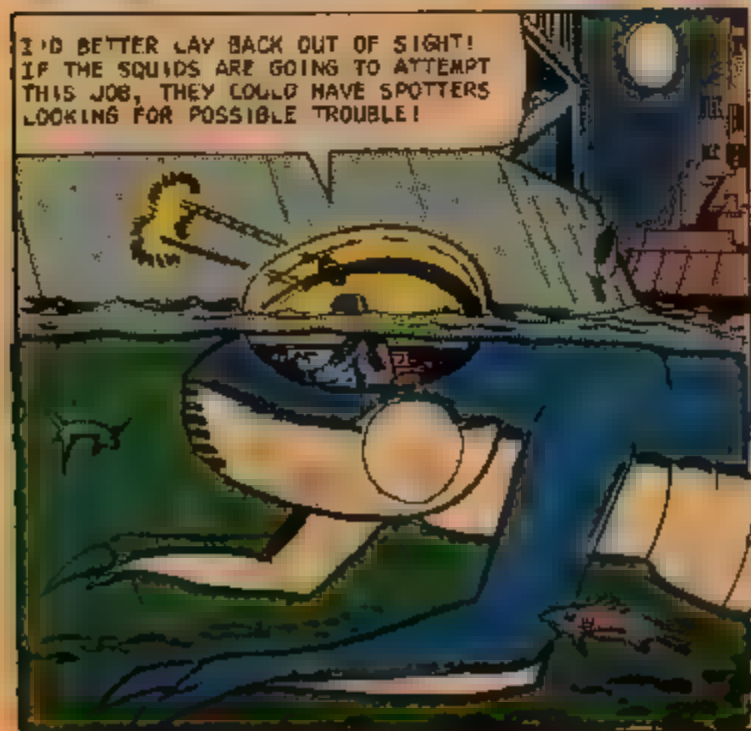
...BUT THIS JOB IS LIKE
A RIPE PLUM BEGGING TO
BE PICKED! IT'S A NATU-
RAL FOR THEM! IT'S JUST
A MATTER OF WHEN!



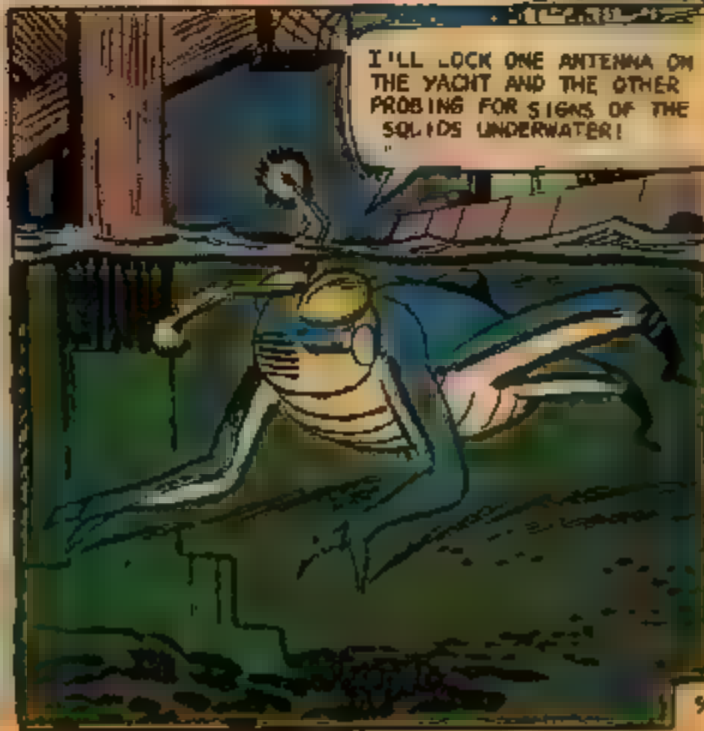
THIS TIME I'LL
BE READY FOR
THEM.



I'D BETTER LAY BACK OUT OF SIGHT!
IF THE SQUIDS ARE GOING TO ATTEMPT
THIS JOB, THEY COULD HAVE SPOTTERS
LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE TROUBLE!



I'LL LOCK ONE ANTENNA ON
THE YACHT AND THE OTHER
PROBING FOR SIGNS OF THE
SQUIDS UNDERWATER!



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MEANWHILE, ON THE YACHT...

LET'S GET OUR COLLECTION BUSINESS OUT OF THE WAY SO THAT WE CAN GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF HAVING A BLAST! 6 DEEP OR I'LL MAKE YOU WALK BACK TO SHORE



NOW, TAKE MY PLACE, PETE! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, MAKE IT LOOK GOOD!

DON'T WORRY, BOSS.



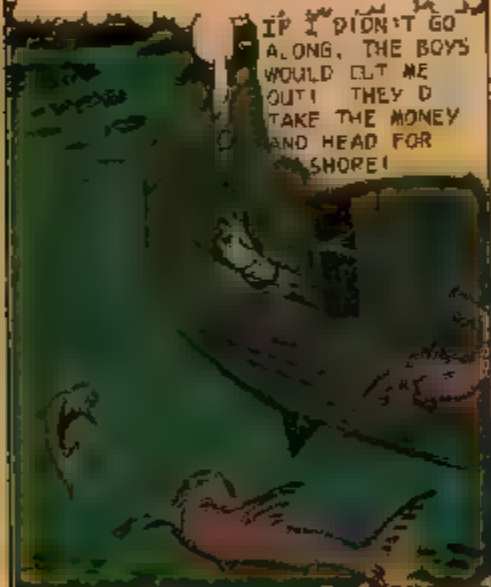
WE'RE SET BOSS

RELAX! THE LADIES ARE STILL COLLECTING THE MONEY!

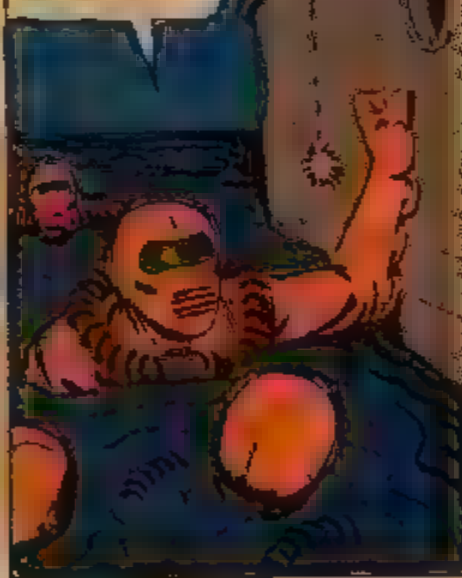


WE REALLY DON'T NEED THE AQUA-LUNGS BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE SQUIDS CAME FROM SHORE.

IF I DIDN'T GO ALONG, THE BOYS WOULD LET ME OUT! THEY'D TAKE THE MONEY AND HEAD FOR SHORE!



THERE'S THE SIGNAL! THE COLLECTION IS ALMOST OVER, GET GOING!



NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO CLAIM OUR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS!



DON'T MAKE A FUSS AND NO ONE WILL BE HURT! HAND OVER THE MONEY, YOU'RE SURROUNDED

NO! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT



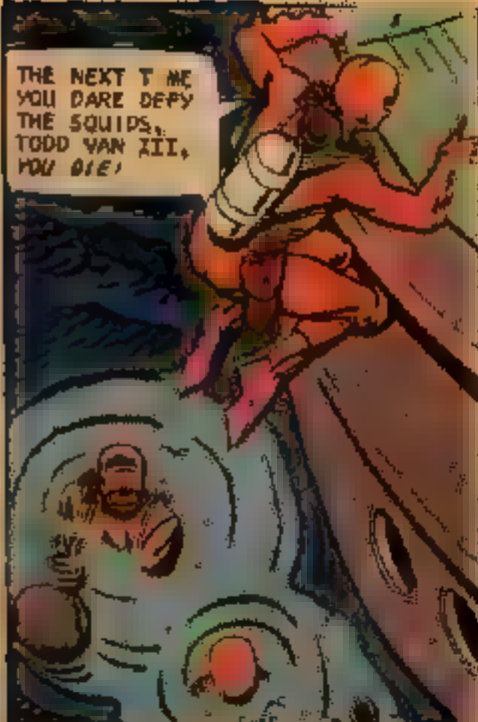
HERE'S WHERE I MAKE ME... I MEAN, TODD VAN III, A HERO!

I'LL KILL YOU IF I HAVE TO!

GO AHEAD! I STILL WON'T...

NO, TODD GIVE IT TO THEM... PLEASE!

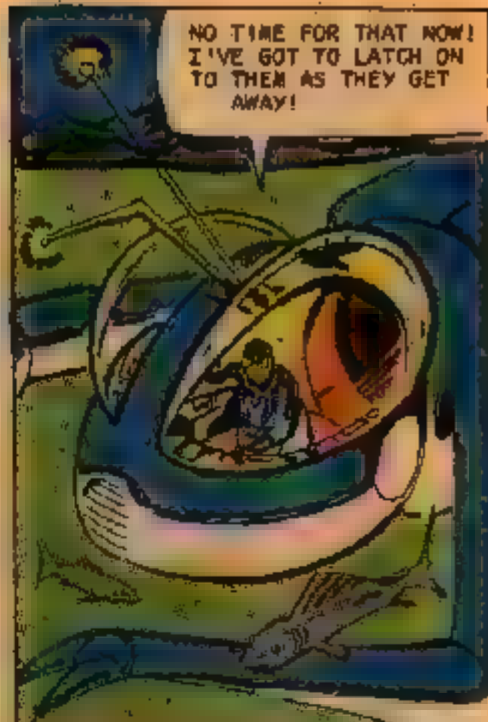




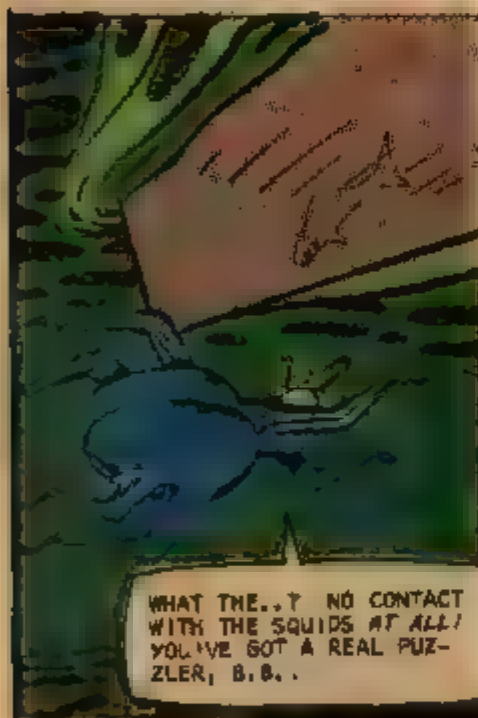
THE NEXT TIME YOU DARE DEFEY THE SQUIDS, TODD VAN XII, YOU DIE!



OOO? I PICKED UP THE SOUNDS OF THE ROBBERY CLEAR ENOUGH ... BUT NO CONTACT OF THE SQUIDS SWIMMING TO THE YACHT!



NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! I'VE GOT TO LATCH ON TO THEM AS THEY GET AWAY!



WHAT THE...? NO CONTACT WITH THE SQUIDS AT ALL! YOU'VE GOT A REAL PUZZLER, B.B..

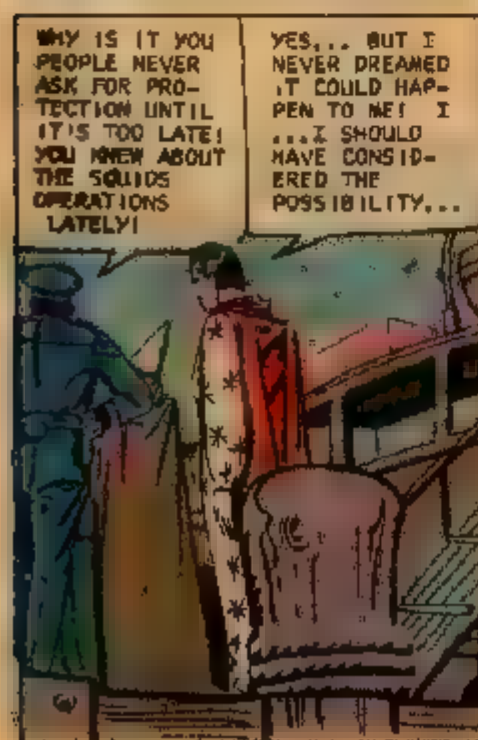


IT WORKED BEAUTIFULLY! THE MASK MUFFLED YOUR VOICE ENOUGH TO FOOL THEM. NOW GET BELOW... I'LL TAKE OVER AGAIN!



I CONTACTED THE POLICE ON OUR SHIP-TO-SHORE. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY! I... I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET THEM TAKE THE MONEY! I'M SORRY...

NO, TODD! THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED YOU.



WHY IS IT YOU PEOPLE NEVER ASK FOR PROTECTION UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE! YOU KNEW ABOUT THE SQUIDS OPERATIONS LATELY!

YES... BUT I NEVER DREAMED IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME! I ... I SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY...



WE DID IT, BOYS! A PERFECT JOB AND WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!

THE POLICE CHECKED EVERYONE WHO LEFT THE YACHT--SO WHERE ARE THE SQUIDS?



IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT THE SQUIDS ARE STILL ON BOARD THE YACHT ... STILL I'D BETTER MAKE SURE!

I'D BETTER SUBMERGE
THE BUG. I DON'T
WANT IT TO BE
SPOTTED!



HEY! THE
BLUE BEETLE'S
ABOARD!



A SQUID! AHA!
I WAS RIGHT!

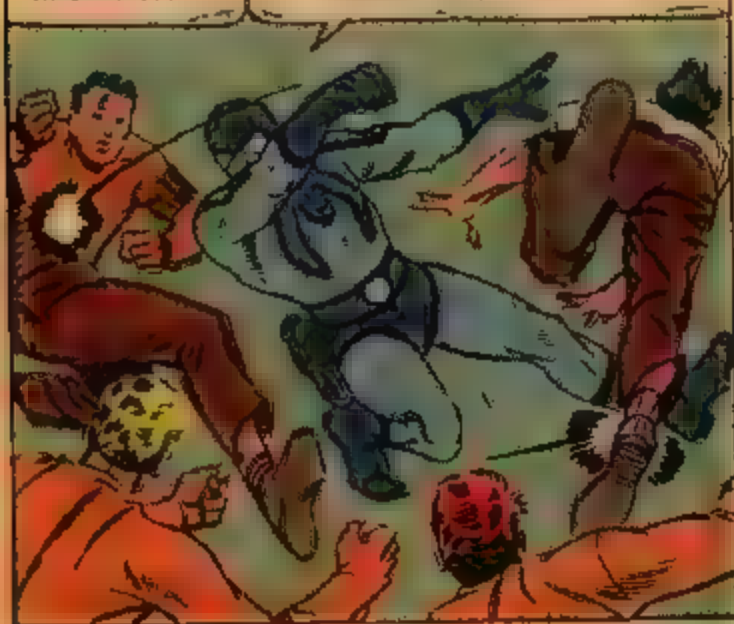
HELP! IT'S
THE BLUE BEETLE
...HELP!

ALL RIGHT,
ALREADY!
THEY HEARD
YOU!

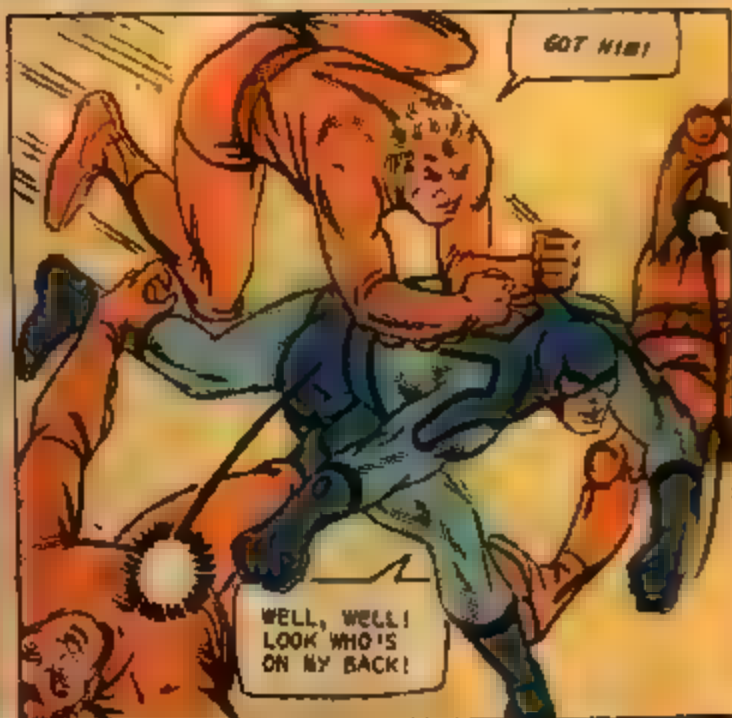


LOOKS LIKE THE
WHOLE CREW IS
IN ON IT...

...AND IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS
TO FIGURE OUT WHO BIG SQUID,
THE FIRST, IS!



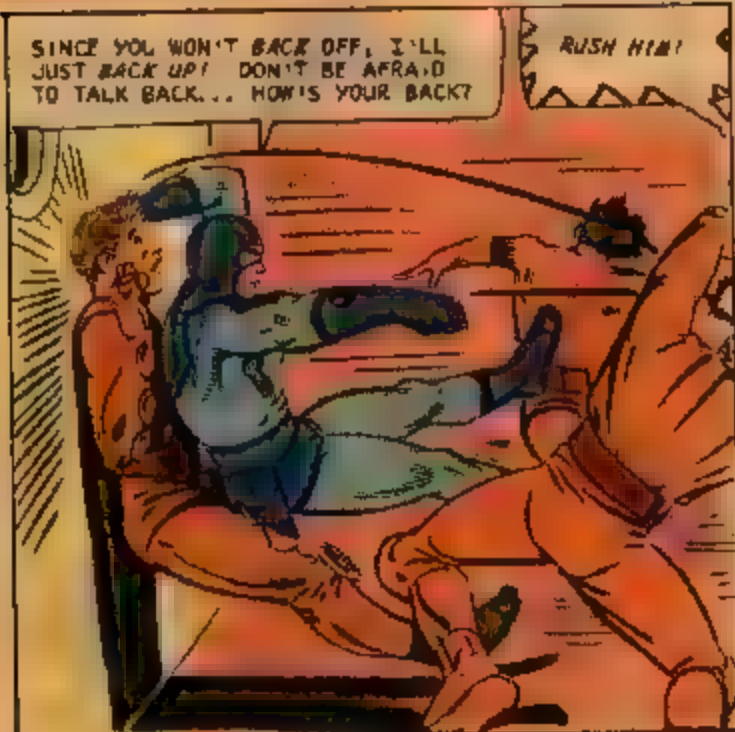
GOT HIM!



WELL, WELL!
LOOK WHO'S
ON MY BACK!

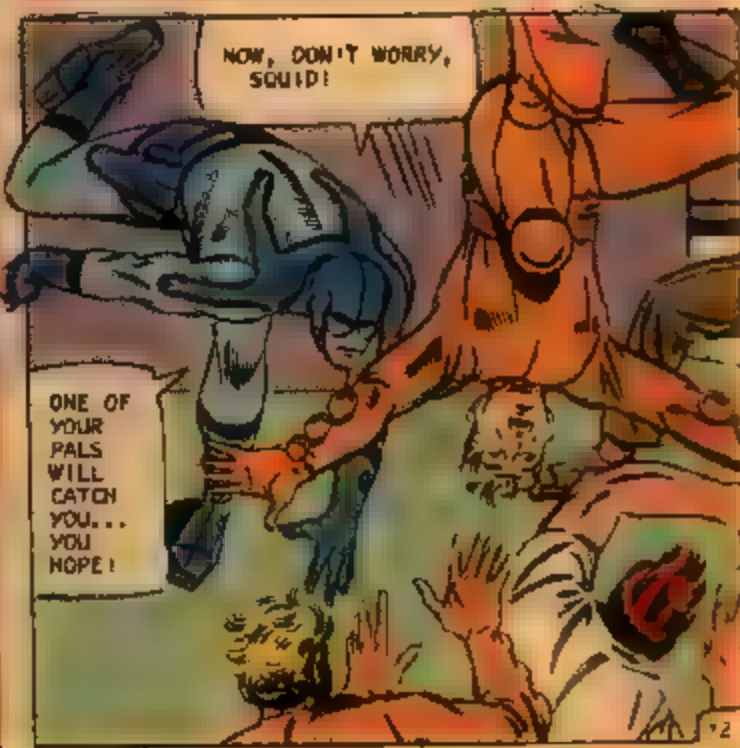
SINCE YOU WON'T BACK OFF, I'LL
JUST BACK UP! DON'T BE AFRAID
TO TALK BACK... HOW'S YOUR BACK?

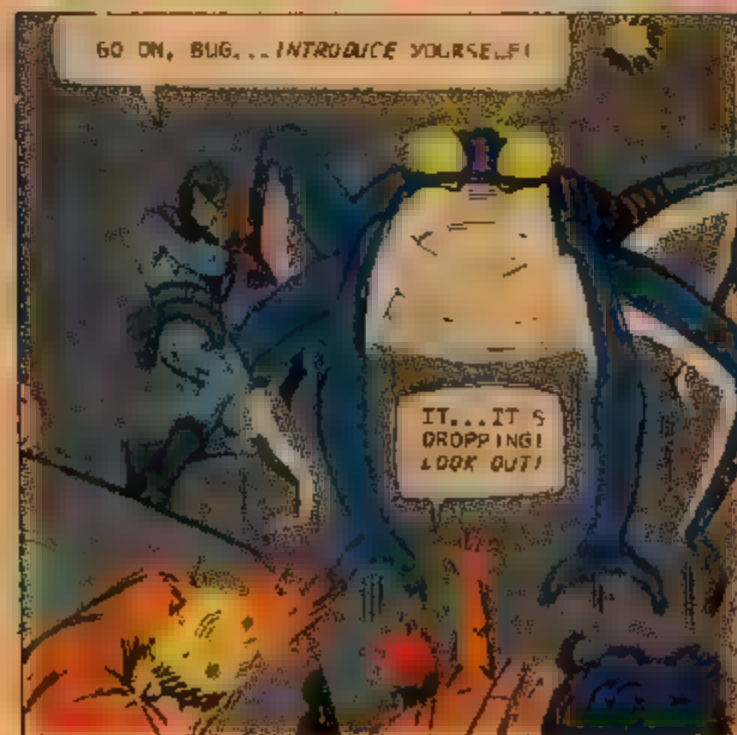
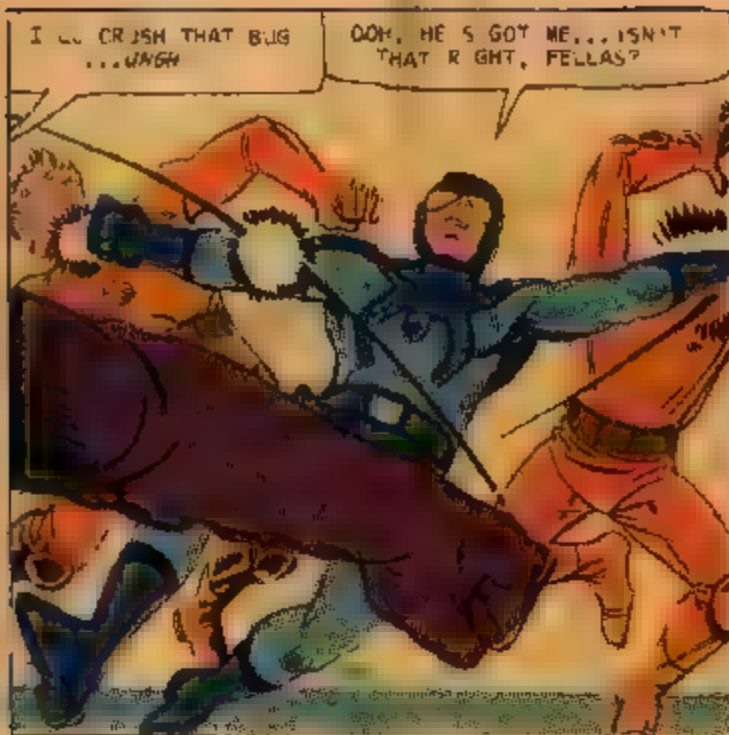
RUSH HIM!



NOW, DON'T WORRY,
SQUID!

ONE OF
YOUR PALS
WILL
CATCH
YOU...
YOU
HOPE!





THERE'S AN EASIER
WAY TO ROUND UP
THIS SHIP OF RATS.

...AND
I CAN
DO IT
SITTING
DOWN

FULL SPEED
AHEAD, BUT
WATCH OUT
FOR THE
BLUE BEETLE!

THE BLUE BEETLE HAD
T, BOSS. HE'S ONLY
ONE GUY.

YEAH... BUT
KEEP WATCH-
ING

I STILL DON'T
SEE ANYTHING

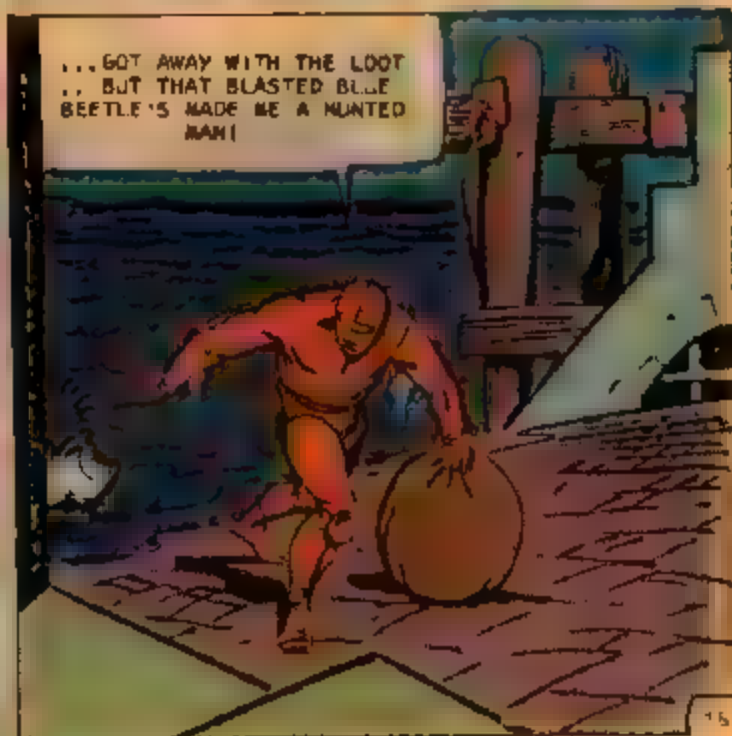
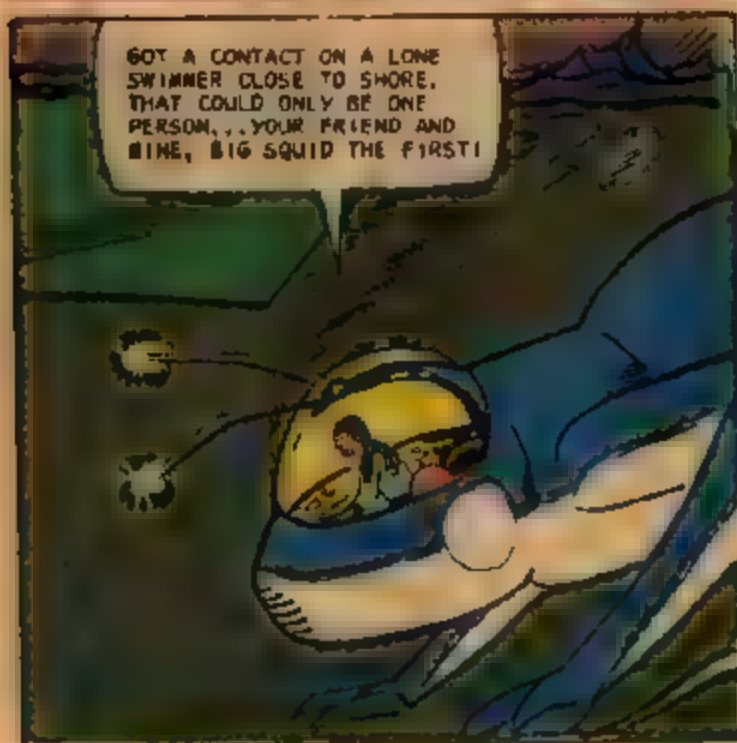
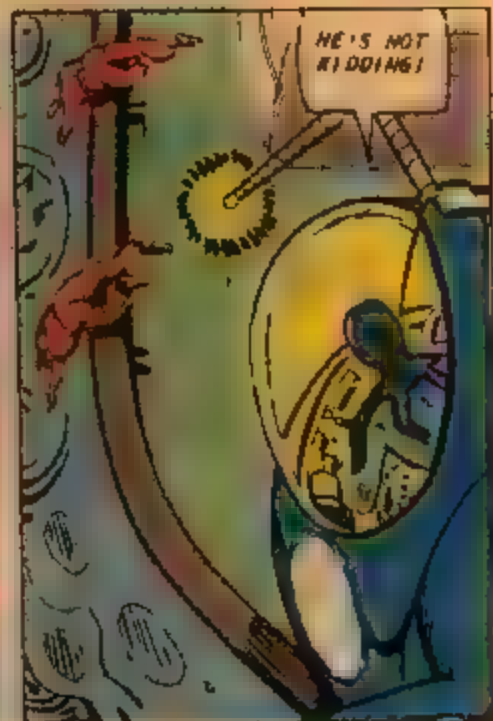
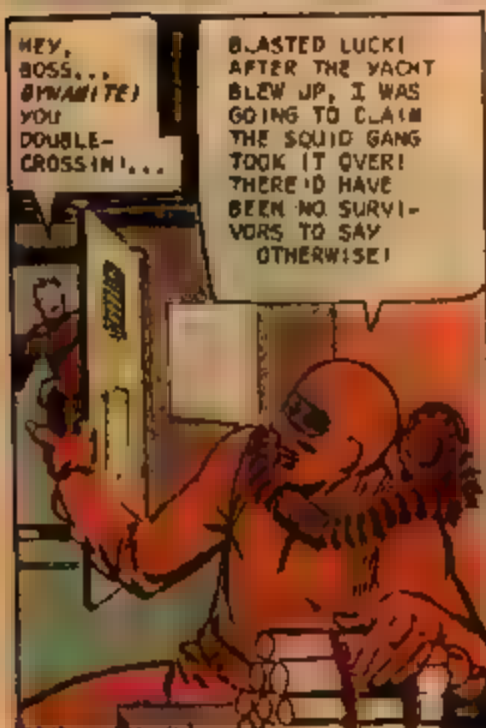
HE MUST BE MILES
AWAY BY NOW. HE
KNOWS WHEN HE'S
BEAT!

WHAT'S
THAT...?
LOOK OUT!

I'LL GIVE THEM TIME
TO WONDER... AND
SWEAT!

AHOY THERE! I HAVE THE
RIGHT OF WAY!

REVERSE ENGINES!
THE FOOL'S TRYING
TO RAM US!





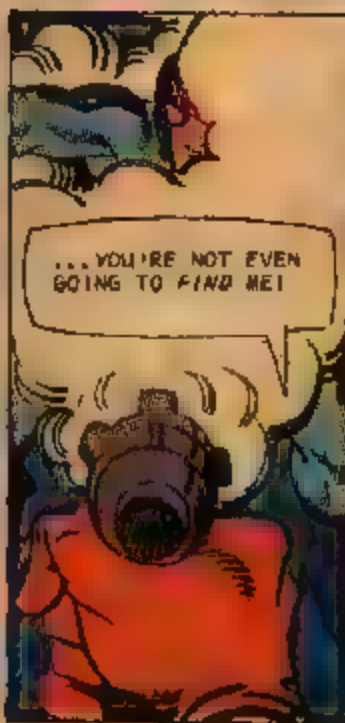
WELL, WELL!
IF IT ISN'T
BIG SQUID I
ALAS TODD
VAN III!

OH, NO! YOU
AGAIN!



YOU HAVE TO GO
BACK AND LEAD
YOUR SQUIDS TO
PRISON.

GUESS AGAIN, BLUE
BEETLE! YOU'RE
NOT TAKING ME
BACK...



...YOU'RE NOT EVEN
GOING TO FIND ME!



THIS STUFF COULDN'T SLOW
ME DOWN NOW EVEN IF I
WANTED IT TO!

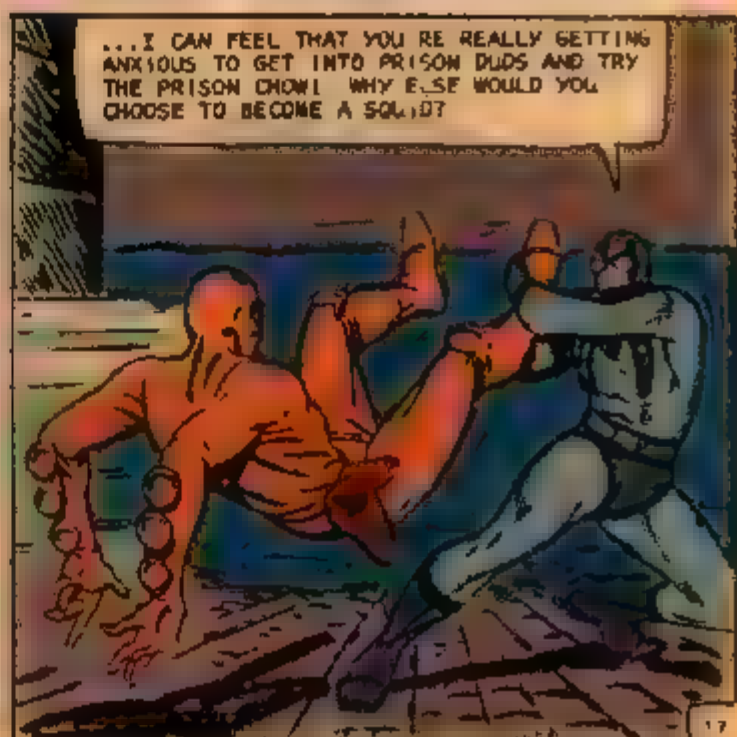
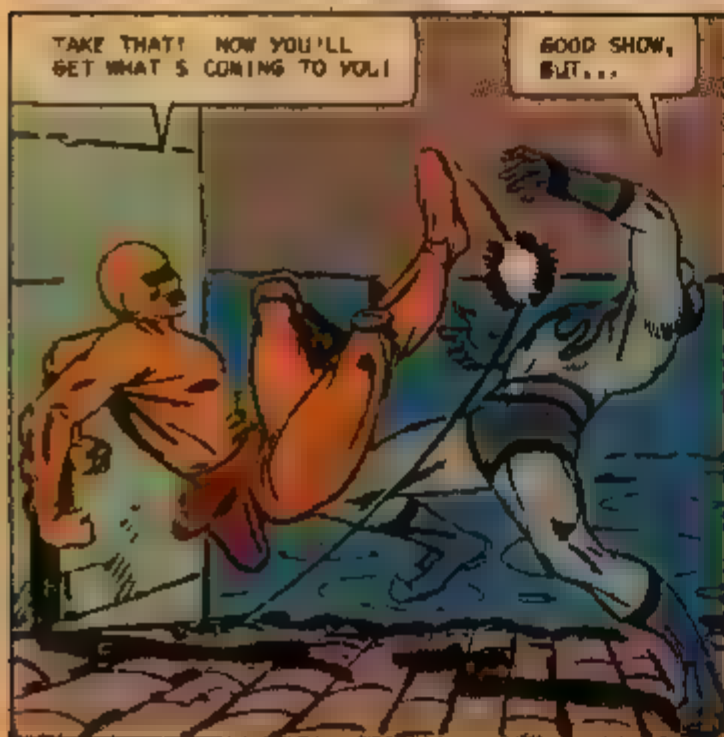


YOU STILL HERE, BABY? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED
TO GET AWAY!



I THINK I UNDERSTAND
YOUR STRATEGY ...
CORRECT ME IF I'M
WRONG! YOU REALLY
WANT TO GO TO PRISON...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH
OF YOU... I'M
GOING TO SMASH
YOU ONCE AND FOR
ALL!





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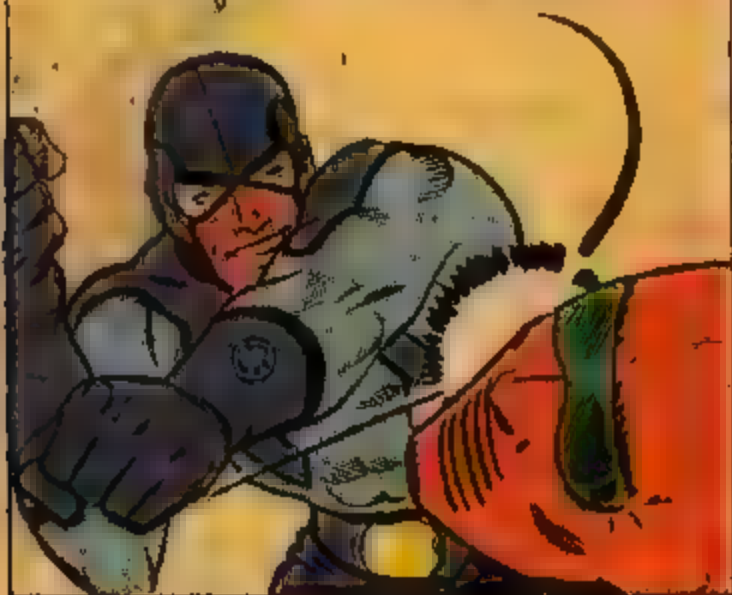


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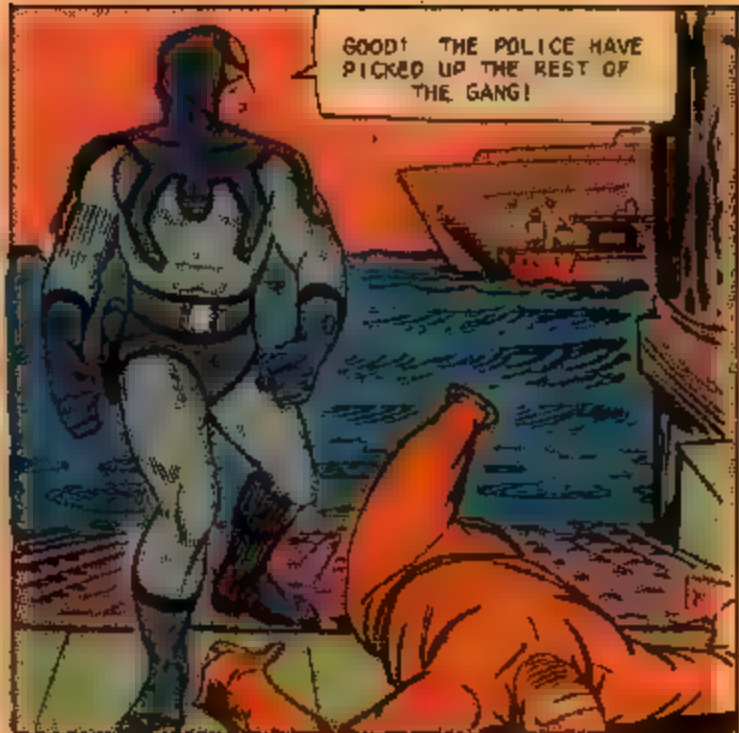
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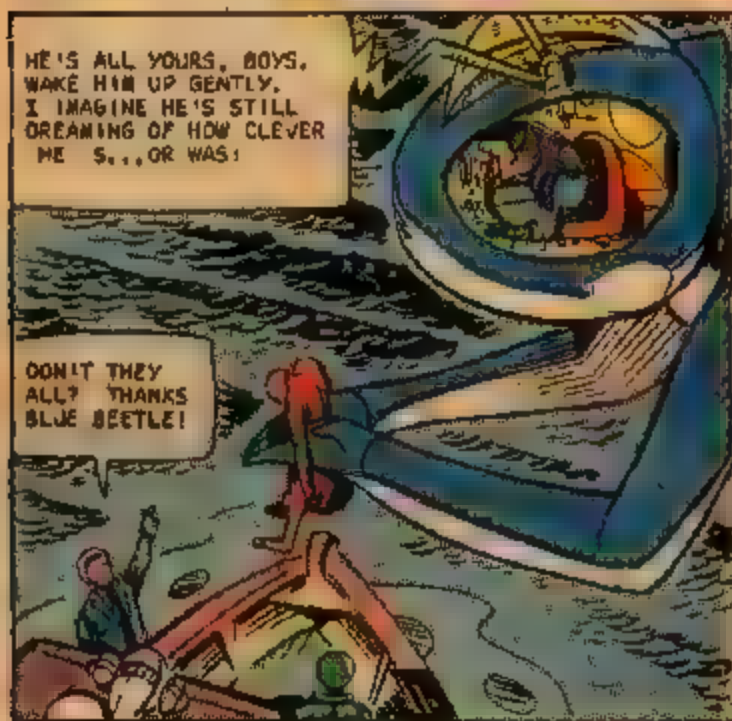
...SO, I'LL DO YOU JUST ONE MORE FAVOR...
I'LL CUT THIS SHORT AND SEND YOU ON YOUR
WAY!



GOOD! THE POLICE HAVE
PICKED UP THE REST OF
THE GANG!



HE'S ALL YOURS, BOYS.
WAKE HIM UP GENTLY.
I IMAGINE HE'S STILL
DREAMING OF HOW CLEVER
HE WAS... OR WAS!



DON'T THEY
ALL? THANKS
BLUE BEETLE!

SO MUCH FOR THE SQUIDS!
WONDER WHAT... OR WHO...
I'LL BE AGAINST IN MY
NEXT ADVENTURE?



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WITNESS...THE ORIGIN OF THE NEW BLUE BEETLE! THE FATE OF DAN GARRET
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the BEETLE'S NEST

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The following are excerpts from letters addressed to the Captain's Column after our revised and revitalized all-new BLUE BEETLE first appeared as a companion feature in CAPTAIN ATOM.

"...Blue Beetle is also great, I can hardly wait to see what connection he had with Dan Garret. I suggest you give him his own mag."

"As for the Blue Beetle, I couldn't think of a better costume in a zillion years!"

"Steve Ditko's art (as I know from Marvel Comic's Spiderman) is just great! And the new Blue Beetle is spectacular!"

"The new Blue Beetle is GREAT!! I love everything about him and I love Steve Ditko's artwork the most!"

"The new Blue Beetle is a great character with a beautiful costume. Congratulations to Steve Ditko and Gary Friedrich, this team should have been on the original Blue Beetle."

"In issue 83 of CAPTAIN ATOM, the Blue Beetle was fantastic. Steve Ditko's art could have surpassed Jack Kirby's art on the FANTASTIC FOUR."

"I think the new Blue Beetle is tuff, cool, fab, gear!"

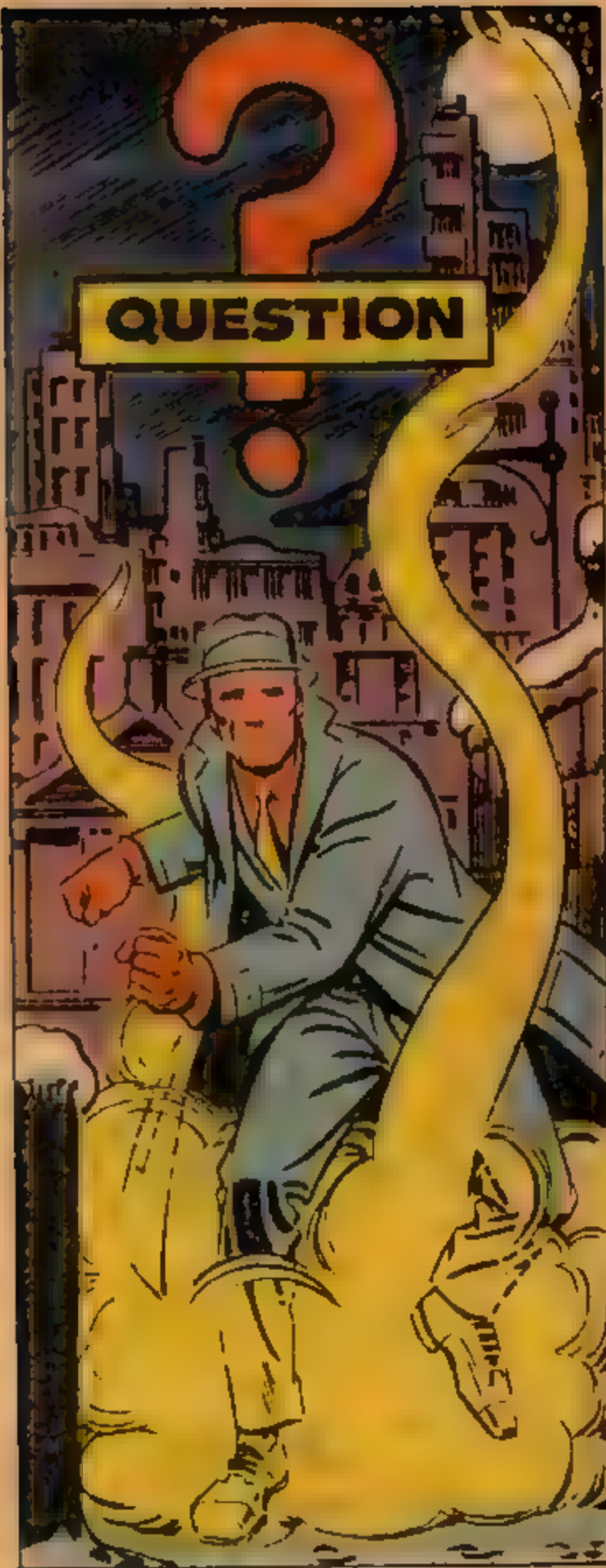
"I want to learn more about Blue Beetle's amazing transformation!" "CAPTAIN ATOM #83 was boss. Especially the new Blue Beetle, he's terrific. Will you please give him his own mag and keep Ditko drawing him."

"The new Blue Beetle is great, even better than Captain Atom." It was primarily because of these comments and many, many more like them that we decided to have a go at it and give the Blue Beetle his own mag.

We are excited and hopeful about the Blue Beetle. Excited because of the interest he has aroused and hopeful that we can maintain that interest. From this point on, the fate of Blue Beetle is in your hands! Your letters will help determine the future of Blue Beetle!

A Final Note

As many of you may know, Gary Friedrich has moved over to Marvel to write for Stan Lee! Our loss is their gain! He leaves with our regrets at having lost a good writer but takes with him our most sincere wishes for a very successful career.

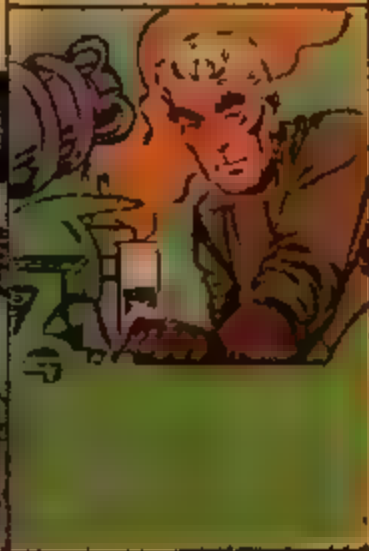


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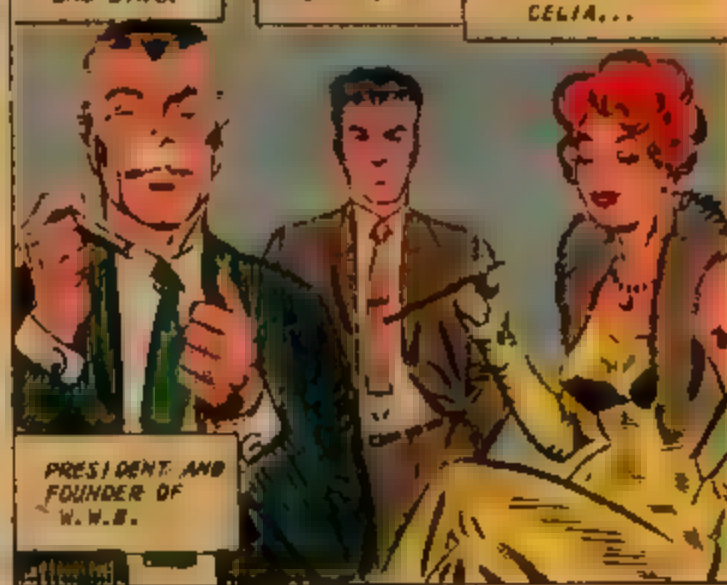


NORA LACE

SAM STARR

HIS SON, SYD

AND HIS DAUGHTER,
CELIA...



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PUBLIC
RELATIONS
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W.W.B.
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

WE AT W.W.B. TV
ARE NOT JUST HERE
TO SPONSOR OF
ENTERTAINMENT...

...WE ARE THE DEFENDERS OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE,
THE ALL SEEKING EYE-LAYING BARE BEFORE THE
PUBLIC EVERY FORM OF INJUSTICE...WHATEVER THE
RISK... WHATEVER THE PRICE!



WE CONSIDER THIS TASK OUR SACRED DUTY! TO YOU... TO ALL MANKIND! WE DO IT PROUDLY AND FEARLESSLY!

OH, MAE, HE'S SO INSPIRING!

CLEARLY A LEADER AMONG MEN!

AS SYB STARR CONCLUDES HIS TALK, THE POLICE GO INTO ACTION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

MOVE! WE'RE BONNA NAIL THIS GAMBLING RING ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YOU'VE GOT TO GET ME OUT OF HERE, DICER! I'M A RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMAN!

YOU DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR REP WHEN YOU GET YOUR CUT OF THE TAKE! COME ON... OUT THE SECRET EXIT!

THE COPS'LL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL WITH OUR CUSTOMER, WE'LL GET AWAY AND SET UP AGAIN.

WE'D BETTER! I DON'T INTEND TO GO LONG WITHOUT MY SHARE OF THIS OPERATION.

WHA...HEY, STOP! MAH!

GET IN THE CAR, B GSHOT! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE COP.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SHOOT HIM!

HEY... WATCH OUT!

EEEEEE

I'M A THREE TIME LOSER, BIG SHOT...

... I'M PROTECTING MY LIFE... NOT MY LILY-WHITE REPUTATION!

THOSE GUYS WERE ESCAPING FROM A POLICE RAID.

IT'S NOT SAFE FOR DECENT PEOPLE TO BE ON THE STREETS THESE DAYS.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TH'S LAWLESSNESS?

I'M SURE THAT WAS LOW DICER DRIVING!

LATER, VIC SAGE TAKES TO THE AIR-WAVES IN HIS NIGHTLY TELECAST...

... THE HUNT FOR LOW DICER CONTINUES...

...AND AS USUAL, YOU THE ENRAGED PUBLIC WORKERS WHO A LEECH LIKE DICER AND HIS ilk CAN THRIVE SO READILY AMONG YOU?

HOW MANY OF YOU WILLINGLY SUPPORT DICER'S ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATION? HOW MANY OF YOU FREQUENT HIS GAMING TABLES...OR PLAY A NUMBER DAILY?



YOU DON'T NEED THEIR KIND... THEY NEED YOU! ONLY YOU CAN KEEP THEM IN BUSINESS! THEY CAN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOUR PLAY



PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH YOU! YOU ARE WILLING PARTNERS IN DICER'S CRIMES!

SOMEDAY, SOMEBODY'S GONNA PUT SAGE DOWN!

HE CAN'T TALK TO US LIKE THAT!

AW, DON'T LISTEN TO



SAGE HAS GOT TO GO, DAD! HE'S BAD FOR OUR IMAGE!

WHY DOES HE INSIST ON PUTTING US ON THE SPOT!

SAM, WE CAN'T BACK UP A STAND LIKE THAT! WE HAVE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL...JUST REPORT THE FACTS, RIGHT LARK?



YES, A BLEEDING HEART LIKE SAGE WILL ONLY ANTAGONIZE THE PUBLIC AND SCARE OFF SPONSORS. WE'VE GOT TO BE PRACTICAL.

GET RID OF HIM, DAD!

VIC SAGE STAYS! HE'S NOT AFRAID TO STICK HIS NECK OUT! WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN!



GOOD NIGHT! AND IF YOU DICER IS WATCHING...I'LL BE SEEING YOU...IN PRISON!

THAT MOUTH-FLAPPIN' JOKER'S REALLY ASKIN' FOR IT! I DON'T KNOW WHO'S WORSE, SAGE OR THE POLICE! I GOTTA BLOW TOWN UNTIL THINGS COOL OFF!



YOU GUYS KEEP FOLLOWING UP THE LEADS ON DICER'S OPERATION, BUT LET NORA KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

I'VE GOT A HOT LEAD TO RUN DOWN MYSELF, VIC. I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH, THOUGH.



TEN MINUTES LATER IN A WESTSIDE ALLEY...

DICER'S MEN ARE HOLED UP INSIDE. DIDN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO POST BAIL...

THEY MUST KNOW WHERE DICER IS! MAYBE THEY WON'T TALK TO VIC SAGE, BUT...



I KNOW SOMEONE THEY'LL HAVE
TO TALK TO...SOMEONE WHO
WON'T GIVE THEM A CHOICE



IT TOOK A GENIUS LIKE
PROFESSOR RODOR TO
DESIGN A MASK LIKE THIS!
A MASK THAT YOU CAN SEE,
BREATHE AND SPEAK
THROUGH...



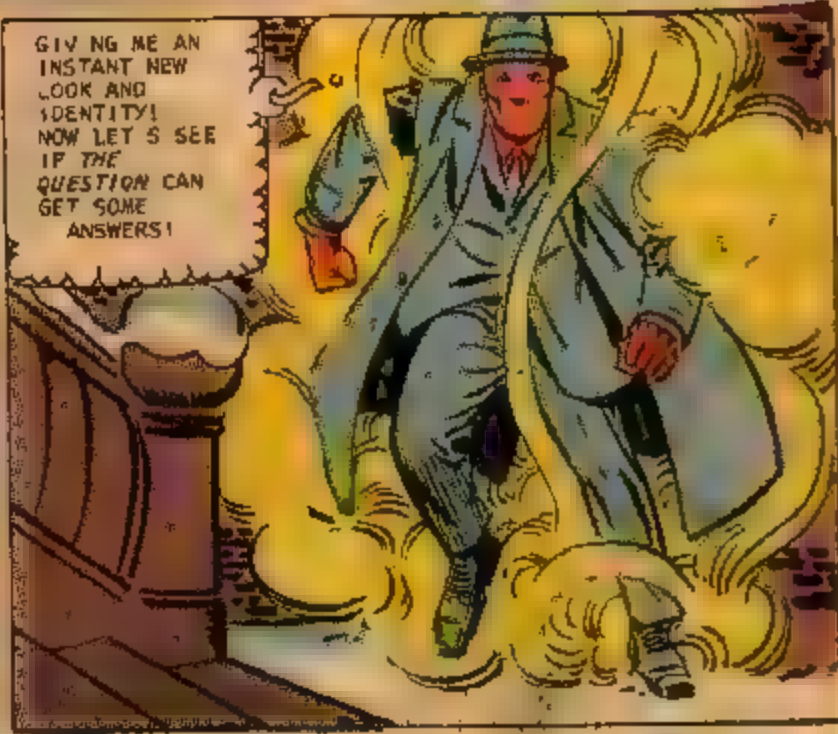
...AND YET, STILL
LOOK SOLID!



NOW TO RELEASE THE
GAS! IT WILL
CEMENT THE MASK TO
MY FACE AND REACT
ON THE CHEMICALS
PREVIOUSLY SPRAYED
ON MY HAIR AND
CLOTHING...



GIVING ME AN
INSTANT NEW
LOOK AND
IDENTITY!
NOW LET'S SEE
IF THE
QUESTION CAN
GET SOME
ANSWERS!



A MINUTE
LATER,
INSIDE...

WE GOTTA STAY
COOPED UP AND
SIT TIGHT TILL
THIS BLOWS
OVER. IT AL-
WAYS DOES!

HEY NICK...
WHAT'S THAT?



I DUNNO...LOOKS
LIKE A PLAIN
WHITE CARD...
HEY!

IT'S SMOKING!



LOOK...A QUESTION MARK!
IT'S THE QUESTION'S
CARD!

HE'S HERE??



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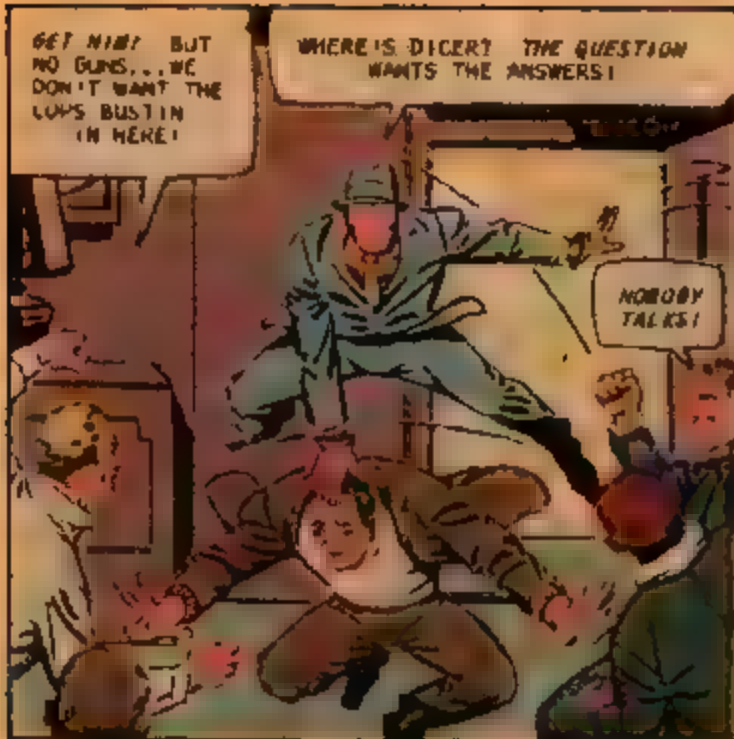
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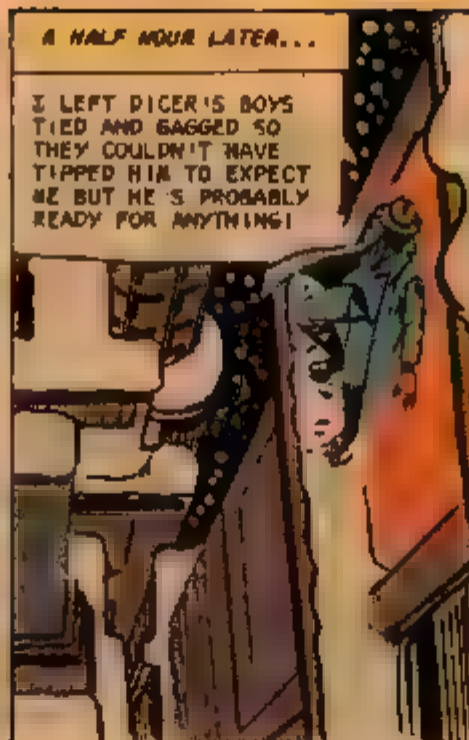
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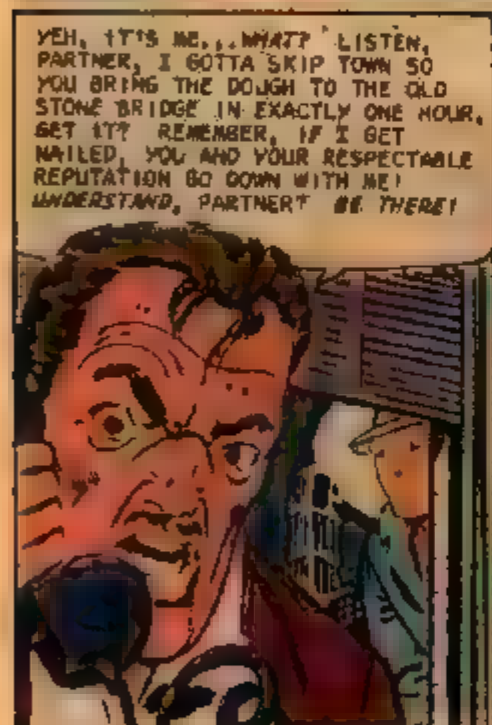
A HALF HOUR LATER...

I LEFT DICER'S BOYS
TIED AND GAGGED SO
THEY COULDN'T HAVE
TIPPED HIM TO EXPECT
ME BUT HE'S PROBABLY
READY FOR ANYTHING!



HE'S ALONE AND
SO EGGY HE LOOKS
ABOUT READY TO
CLIMB THE WALL!
OH-OH, PHONE
WHO'D CALL HIM
NOW?

IT'S ABOUT
TIME!



YEH, IT'S ME...WHAT? LISTEN,
PARTNER, I GOTTA SKIP TOWN SO
YOU BRING THE DOUGH TO THE OLD
STONE BRIDGE IN EXACTLY ONE HOUR.
GET IT? REMEMBER, IF I GET
NAILED, YOU AND YOUR RESPECTABLE
REPUTATION GO DOWN WITH ME!
UNDERSTAND, PARTNER? BE THERE!



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IS TIED IN WITH DICER!
IF I PLAY THIS RIGHT, I
CAN NAIL BOTH OF THEM



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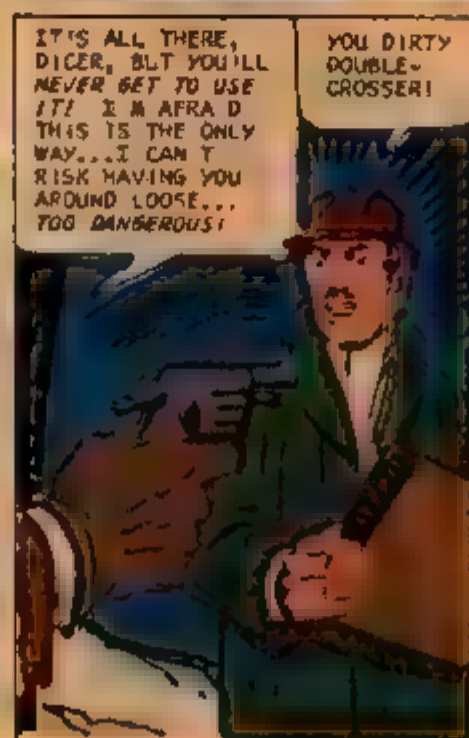
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THE OLD STONE BRIDGE...

AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
COUNT IT?

NAH, I TRUST
YOU, PARTNER
BUT, IT BET-
TER ALL BE
HERE



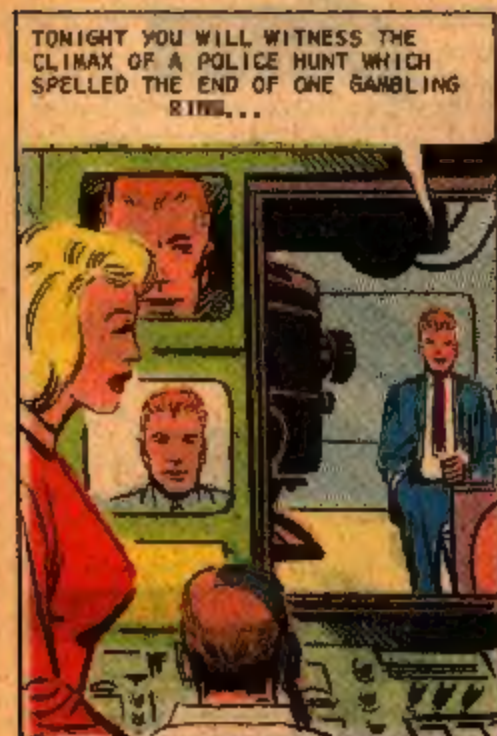
IT'S ALL THERE,
DICER, BUT YOU'LL
NEVER GET TO USE
IT! I'M AFRAID
THIS IS THE ONLY
WAY...I CAN'T
RISK HAVING YOU
AROUND LOOSE...
TOO DANGEROUS!

YOU DIRTY
DOUBLE-
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